

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

In the Office Action, claims 28, 38, 44, and 52 were objected to because of the informalities, and claims 1-63 were rejected to under 35.U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Gardell et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,031,896).

Claims 1-63 are pending in the application. Claims 28, 38, 44, and 52 have been amended as the Examiner suggested in the Office Action, and claim 1 has been amended to clarify the claimed invention as discussed during the personal interview.

Applicants thank Examiner Gauthier for the courtesies extended to the Applicants' representative during the personal interview conducted September 23, 2003. During the interview, Applicants representative explained the differences between the prior art reference of record and the present invention. For example, Gardell et al. does not teach or suggest a voice messaging server, a packet-switched telephony client, and a conference server conferencing a call between a caller, the packet-switched telephony client, and the voice messaging server.

As agreed during the interview and as documented in the Interview Summary, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection and reconsideration of this application.

Should the Examiner have any questions or determine that any further action is desirable to place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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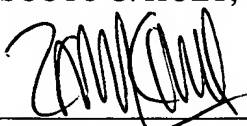
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